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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application No.: 10/713,598
Inventors: Carol Rudolph
Filed: November 14, 2003
For: LITTER BOX
Atty. Docket No.: 4000335-148192

Dear Sir:

We have enclosed an Amendment A which is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 21, 2004 and Certificate of Filing by Mail. We also have enclosed our postcard receipt, which we ask that you acknowledge and return to us.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Mescher

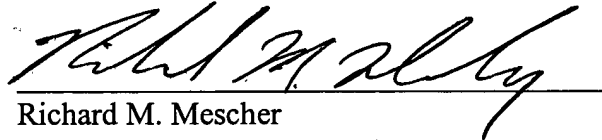
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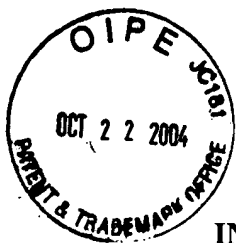
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I certify that this Amendment A which is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, as first class mail, postage prepaid, on this 19th day of October, 2004.



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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: "LITTER BOX"
Examiner: Bret C. Hayes
Art Unit: 3644

AMENDMENT "A"

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment "A" is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 21, 2004 wherein the examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. Please amend the application in the following manner and consider the remarks provided hereinafter prior to further examination of the application.